**Alternative Educational Academy of Ogemaw County**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**From**

**May 9, 2016**

9:21 – Call to order by Dana McGrew

**Roll Call**

 Board Present: Phil Mikulski, Lisa Bolen, Mark Berdan

 Board Absent: Jon Good, Krisiti Yenna, Joe Perrera

 Staff Present: Dana McGrew, Tina Williams

 Guest: Natasha Allen, Lori Friend

**Additions to Agenda:**

 6.f. Community garden

**Approval of Agenda:**

Motion by Mark Berdan; Second Phil Mikulski by to approve agenda.

 Motion passes 3-0

**Approval of Minutes from April 25, 2015:**

Motion by Mark Berdan; Second by Lisa Bolen to approve the minutes.

 Motion passes 3-0

**Discussion Items:**

1. The enrollment process is still working well. West Branch-Rose City is looking at ways to better keep their students on course to graduate from their school rather than referring them to Alternative Education.
2. Current enrollment is 145
3. Graduation date and location is June 7, 2016 at 7 p.m. at the Quality Inn
4. Staffing – nothing new
5. We will review this year’s budget and next year’s budget at our June meeting
6. Community garden – one of the students expressed an interest in a community garden. We are going to look into it. All believed that it was a good idea. Clare MIWORKS has a program that they have been doing for a while and look at that as a possible model. Also look at working with MSU extension and Kirtland CC.

**Action Items:**

none

**Future Meeting Dates**: June 13, 2016

**Community Input:** Discussion about helping Gladwin students at the Gladwin MIWORKS office. It is being explored.

**Board Comments:** Lisa Bolen discussed looking at a local service organization to partner with similar to what the Elks have done with the Iosco AEA.

Motioned by Phil Mikulski ; Second by to a Lisa Bolen adjourn.

Motion passes 3-0

Adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Dana McGrew*